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**National Weather Service issues special weather statement**

LĪHU'E – The National Weather Service today issued a special weather statement relating to the coastal flooding that is expected to occur along all of the Hawaiian Islands over the next few days. The coastal flooding is due to the record level "King Tides."

The potential impacts could include beach flooding and standing water on roadways and low-lying areas near the coast through the weekend.

The following are the predicted high tide times for Kaua'i, which will correspond to the maximum coastal impact:

- **Hanalei Bay** – May 25, 3:09 p.m.; May 26, 3:55 p.m.; May 27, 4:43 p.m.; May 28, 5:34 p.m.; and May 29, 6:27 p.m.
- **Hanamā'ulu Bay** - May 25, 4:20 p.m.; May 26, 5:06 p.m.; May 27, 5:54 p.m.; May 28, 6:45 p.m.; and May 29, 7:38 p.m.
- **Nāwiliwili Harbor** - May 25, 4:10 p.m.; May 26, 4:56 p.m.; May 27, 5:44 p.m.; May 28, 6:35 p.m.; and May 29, 7:28 p.m.
- **Port Allen** - May 25, 3:59 p.m.; May 26, 4:42 p.m.; May 27, 5:29 p.m.; May 28, 6:18 p.m.; and May 29, 7:10 p.m.
- **Waimea Bay** - May 25, 4:17 p.m.; May 26, 5:03 p.m.; May 27, 5:51 p.m.; May 28, 6:42 p.m.; and May 29, 7:35 p.m.

A large summer south swell is expected to build on Friday and continue through the Memorial Day weekend before steadily easing next week. The surf generated from the south swell will likely be advisory-level heights, exacerbated by the high tide, and result in additional beach run up, flooding and erosion.

If you live or work in a low-lying area that is prone to flooding from the tides, it is recommended that you move electronics and other belongings to a higher area.

Businesses and residents should move chemicals and hazardous materials out of flood prone areas.

Beachgoers should be aware that there is a possibility of stronger than normal currents and rip currents, and should check with a lifeguard prior to entering the water.

Anyone that would like to participate as a volunteer in Hawai'i Sea Grant's Hawai'i and Pacific Islands King Tides Project should go to <http://ccsr.seagrant.soest.hawaii.edu/king-tides>.

The project trains citizen scientists how to document high tide and sea level events, and aims to enhance community capacity to prevent, withstand, adapt to, and recover from coastal hazards.

For more information, please visit the National Weather Service Honolulu Forecast Office website, <http://www.prh.noaa.gov/hnl/>, or [www.hawaii.sealevel.org](http://www.hawaii.sealevel.org).